

**PARK & RECREATION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2004**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** The Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville. President Tracey Phillips called the meeting to order. Members present were Wilma Jo Kile, Tim Shuppert, Jack Harmon, Denny Corn and Charlie Brown. Others present were: Attorney Julie Newhouse, Parks Director Danny Mathews, Pool Manager Anita Carfield, Assistant Pool Manager Anita Kopf, Mayor Bob Bridges and Secretary Carla Sharpe.

**Minutes:** Minutes of July 13, 2004 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve the minutes. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

**Reports:** Mathews stated his niece plays in the Indianapolis Brass Choir and she has volunteered to play in Rushville for the Parks. Mathews said he feels this would be a great thing and is something he would like to do next spring. The board gave him the go-ahead and stated they feel this will be a great program.

**Claims Approval:** Harmon and Corn reviewed the claims prior to the meeting. Harmon moved to approve the claims for the month. Corn seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

**Unfinished Business:**     **Pool Update** – Carfield stated since the last meeting, the pool has been closed three (3) days due to weather and had to close for four (4) days early due to cold weather and lack of patrons. Since the July 13 meeting, concessions has brought in \$3,630.27 and admissions has totaled \$3,512.37. Our total pool passes for the 2004 season is \$6,060.00. We’ve had a total of 2,658 patrons since our July meeting. On Raymond Gibson Day, July 18<sup>th</sup> we had 184 patrons attend that day. Attendance has been slow due to the weather, last minute vacations, and the beginning of school. Overall, we have had a good season. We are beginning to start our final cleaning. We are working on sorting and cleaning. The concessions stand is running on just a few items, hot dogs, coke, and candy in order to have less inventory for closing. The water aerobics has completed their classes for the season. They had between two (2) and four (4) in attendance each evening. By the end of this week, we will have had 34 pool parties. Things have run smoothly this season, and we would like to thank Danny, the Mayor, the Mayor’s office and the Parks Board for being so supportive of us this season. Due to your support over the phone issue as well as other areas, we have had an enjoyable season. We have been pleased with most of our guards and concession stand workers. We look forward to the 2005 season. The last day for the pool to be open will be Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Carfield asked if we can get the mushroom and water spouts repaired? Board assured her they will look into this. Carfield then asked to replenish the chairs. Had to totally discard some chairs losing 10-15 this year. Board feels we should replenish a few each year. Mathews stated he will get a couple dozen to replace the discarded ones as they are highly used.

**Hire New Employee for Parks Department** – Mathews stated things are winding down as his school kids and college kids are going back to school. With Eddie being off sick this is putting a crunch on him and asked to hire Chris Philpot. Philpot has worked for him the past 3 years therefore he will need no training. He would like to hire him effective tomorrow morning. Corn moved to hire Philpot until Eddie is back or at least until the first of November. Kile seconded. Motion carried. Mathews stated Philpot left at \$7.00 and he would like to start him back at \$7.25. Board agreed.

**Merry-Go-Round Update** – Mathews stated the Merry-Go-Rounds should be coming in anytime and installed. Hopefully within the next two weeks. He is really excited about his new equipment.

Mathews then stated there has been more damage at the Skateboard Park. The restrooms have been one sickening mess. The shelter house’s that were rented over the weekend were left a mess. If a damage deposit were in place they would not have received theirs back. Shuppert suggested purchasing surveillance equipment.

**Discuss Damage Deposits** – Mathews shared with the board his thoughts on shelter house rentals and damage deposits. He would like to do the following:

Shelter House Rentals	\$35.00 + \$50.00 (Damage Deposit)
Gazebo	\$35.00 + \$50.00 (Damage Deposit)
Open Shelters	\$20.00 + \$20.00 (Damage Deposit)
Booker T. Washington	\$50.00 + \$75.00 (Damage Deposit)

\*\*\*GAXEBO\*\*\*

- 1. No Alcoholic Beverage allowed.
- 2. Leave all tables on Gazebo – If removed from Gazebo they must be placed or returned back on Gazebo.
- 3. All trash must be picked up on and around Gazebo and placed in trash container furnished by Parks Department – Parks Department will dispose of trash bags.
- 4. No Smoking on Gazebo.

\*\*\*SHELTER HOUSE & BOOKER T. WASHINGTON\*\*\*

- 1. No Alcoholic Beverage allowed.
- 2. Leave tables and chairs as you found them. (Do not stack along wall)
- 3. Clean tables, chairs and sweep floor.
- 4. Remove trash bags from rack and tie up.
- 5. No Smoking inside building.
- 6. Turn off all lights, close all doors and windows and lock up.

\*\*\*OPEN SHELTERS\*\*\*

- 1. Clean up trash in area, place trash in containers furnished by Parks Department.

Harmon stated he agrees we need this and should be stiff enough but would like to think about an approach.

Kile stated she feels we should go all or none on deposits. Either give them all their deposit back or none.

Harmon said this is a good starting point and whole heartedly supports Mathews on this. It was decided to have board review and take action at next meeting.

New Business:

Newhouse asked if there was money in the budget to do the re-bar at the pool this fall or can we carry it over? Mathews stated there is money in the Non-Reverting Fund for this. Corn feels this is something we can do next fall and feels we should get the mushroom fixed this year.

Mathews stated he will contact someone to come and check the lines to find the leak.

Mathews then thanked the Parks Board for the flowers that was sent to his mom’s funeral. They were very appreciated.

There being no further business, Harmon made a motion to adjourn. Corn seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

TRACEY PHILLIPS, PRESIDENT

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TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

JACK HARMON, MEMBER

CHARLES BROWN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY